For the Week Ending 02/21/2009

EUC Activity:

New claims filed 338. Total EUC08 Claims filed so far is 8,827.

Note: The week of February 21, 2009 Montana paid out Total Dollars of \$598,157 to 1,792 individuals for EUC08 claims. The percent of EUC08 payments that were paid via EFT'S so far are 44.48%. Total EUC dollars paid are so far at \$16,363,095.

Regular Activity:

- Insured Unemployment Rate for Week Ending 2/21/2009 was at **4.69** and the two year look back was at 182.13. (Trigger on is at 5% and 120% respectively.)
- For the week ending 2/21/2009 the number of claims filed or reopened was 2,072 compared to the five year average at 1,214 and 2008 levels of 856.
- For the calendar year 2009 we have taken 18,767 new or additional claims. This is 7,756 greater than 2008 values on the year so far, or a 70.4% increase.
- Claim filings from the business summary report focus on employers with 5 or more layoffs during a week. The week ending 02/21/2009there were 38 businesses totaling 484 layoffs, this compares to 44 businesses and 413 layoffs for the week ending 02/14/2009.. The largest listing was Plum Creek Northwest Plywood Inc. at 95.
- Claim filings via the Internet were at 83.2% for the week and 85.80% usage on the year.
- Continued Claim filings for the week ending 2/21/2009 were at 24,969. This compares to 15,751 for the five year average and 14,760 for 2008.
- For the week ending 2/21/2009 we had a usage rate on Internet continued claim fillings at 71.5% for the week and 69.10% usage on the year.
- For the week ending 2/21/2009 the percentage of dollars paid out using Direct Deposit for the week was at 46.38%. That percentage equates down to \$19,505,179 dollars paid out for 2009 and 45,578 EFT's issued for 2009 thus far.

Note for week ending 02/21/2009

The total claims and weeks claimed comparison for Regular UI is as follows:

Regular UI Claims EUC 08 Claims

2009 year to date Regular UI is 18,767 2009 Year to Date EUC is 1,921

2008 year to date Regular UI is 11,011 Total EUC = 8,827

That is (7,756 or 70.4%) change in Regular UI taken in 2008 than in 2007.

Regular UI Continued Weeks Claimed 2009 year to date Regular UI is 165,288

EUC 08 Continued Weeks Claimed 2009 Year to Date EUC is 20,638

2008 year to date Regular UI is 96,478

Total EUC=72,581

That is (68,810 or 71.32%) change in Regular UI weeks claimed in 2008 than in 2007.

There were 611 additional claims filed or 29.49% of all claims filed.

UI4U Data:	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Internet</u>	<u>Total</u>	% of Ttl.	UI4U Cumulative 08
New Claims	59	1295	1354	95.64%	13,190
Additional Claims	182	429	611	70.21%	3,109
All Claims	348	1724	2072	83.20%	16,916 (With 1,022 Reopens)
Reopen Claims*			405		

<u>Electronic Funds Transfers</u> <u>Total EFT's Generated</u> <u># of Dollars Paid Out EFT</u>

2009 Total To Date 45,578 \$19,505,179

2008 Total To Date 15,869 \$6,796,710

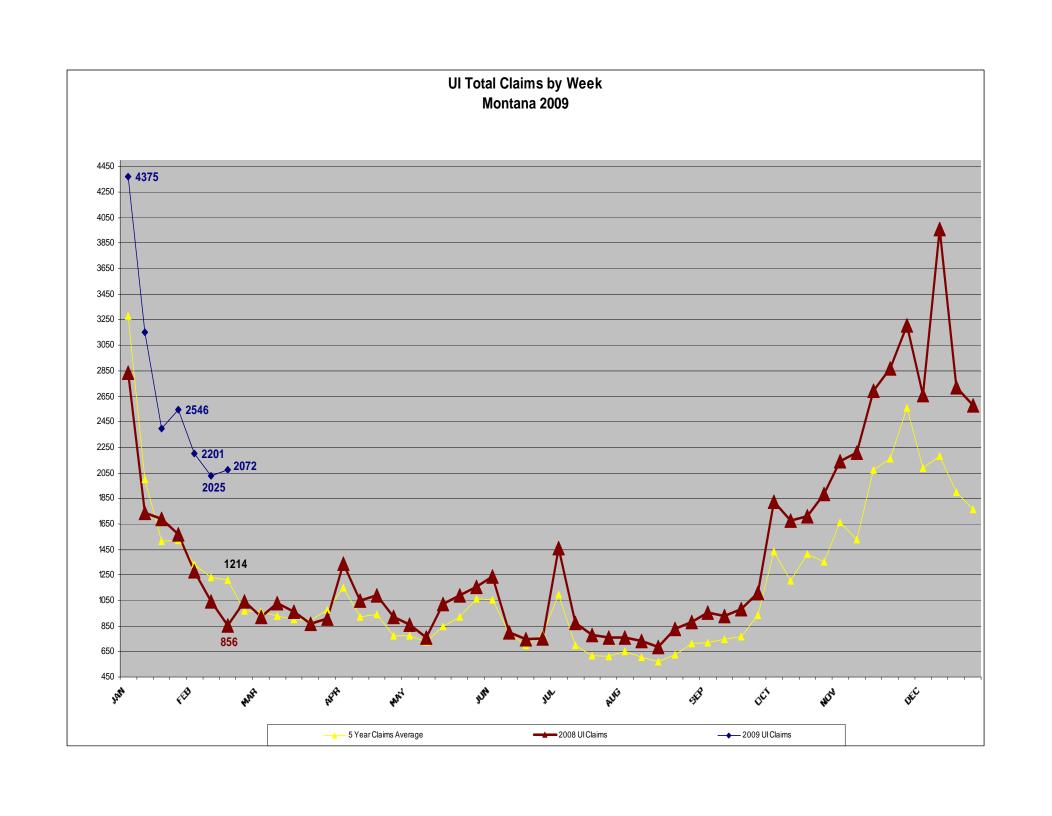
That is (29,709 or 34.8%) change in EFT's generated.

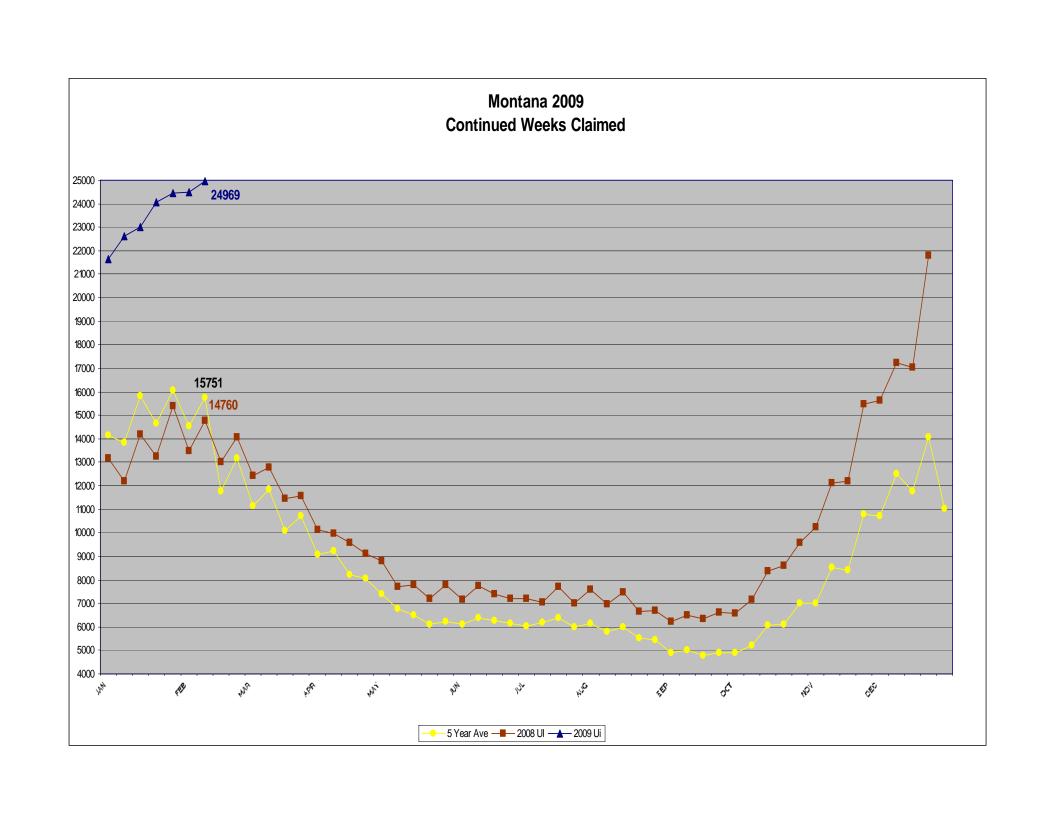
That is (\$12,708,469 or 34.85%) change in \$ paid EFT.

Business Summary Report 02/21/2009

The business summary report is as follows, there were 38 business, with 5 or more employees, with layoffs totaling 484 for one week.

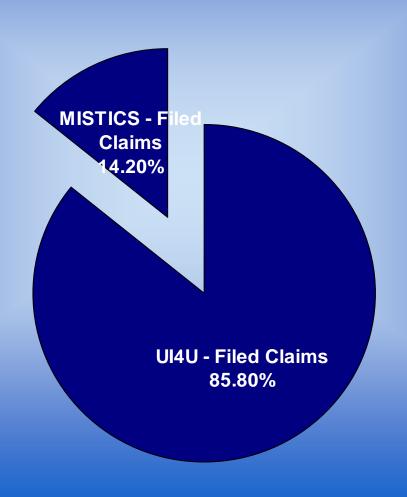
They were: Plum Creek Northwest Plywood Inc=95, Glencore AG=81, Western Sugar Cooperative=27, New Albertsons Inc=20, U S Department of Agriculture=17, Better Business Systems of Montana Inc=15, WBC Insulation=12, Martel Construction Inc=11, WalMart=11, Williams Plumbing & Heating Inc.=11, Yogo Inn of Montana Inc=11, Sletten Construction Co.=10, Express Employment Professionals=9, Hanson Trucking Inc=9, Semitherm Inc=9, Town Pump of Superior Inc=9, Lockwood Greene=8, U S Department of Interior=7, Bacterin Inc=6, Blahnik Construction Inc=6, H C R Inc=6, KMART Corp=6, Missoula Ready Mix=6, Nabors Drilling USA LP=6, PAS Communications Inc=6, Stoltze Lumber/Columbia Falls=6, Airtel Wireless LLC=5, American Driver Service Inc.=5, DIRECTV Customer Service=5, Harp Line Constructors Co.=5, Lincoln County Sheltered Workshop=5, Montana Tunnels Mining Inc=5, Quantum Composers Inc=5, Quarter Circle LA Ranch Inc=5, Teletech Customer Care Management (CO) LLC=5, The Tire Guys Inc=5, Workplace Inc=5.

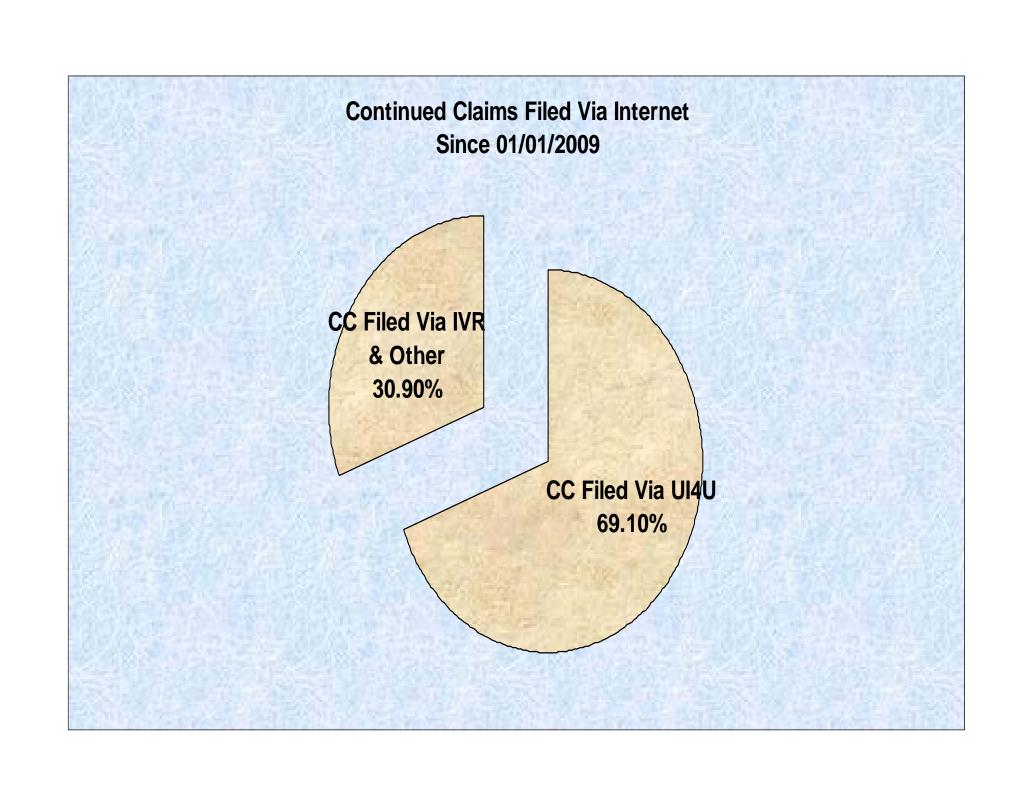


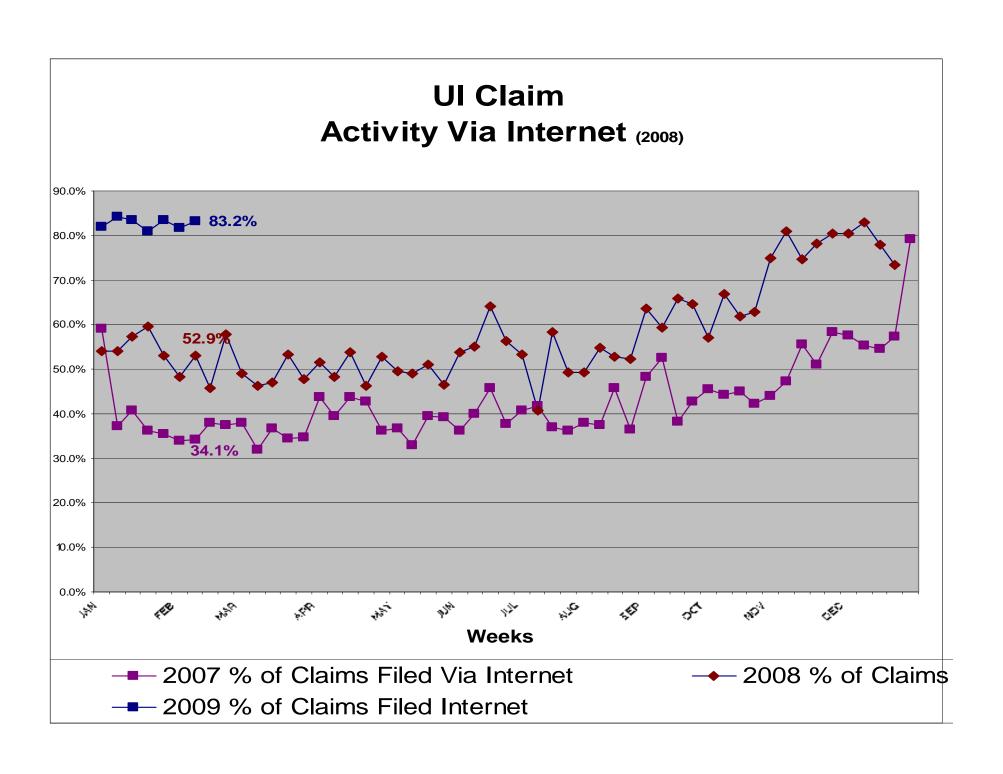


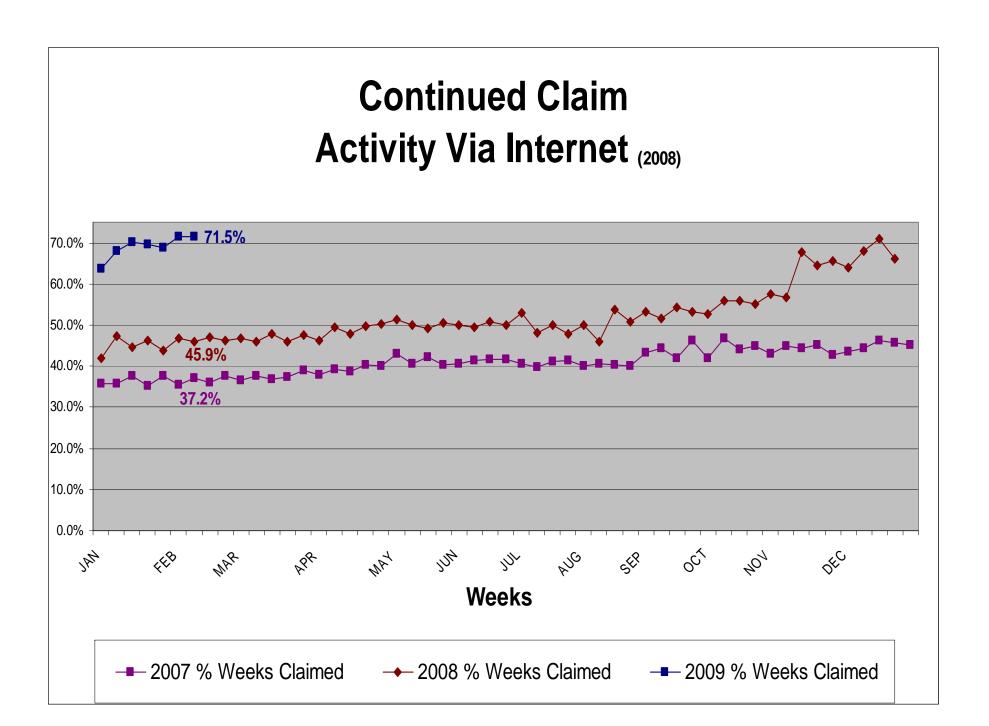
UI4U-filed Claims vs. MISTICS-filed Claims

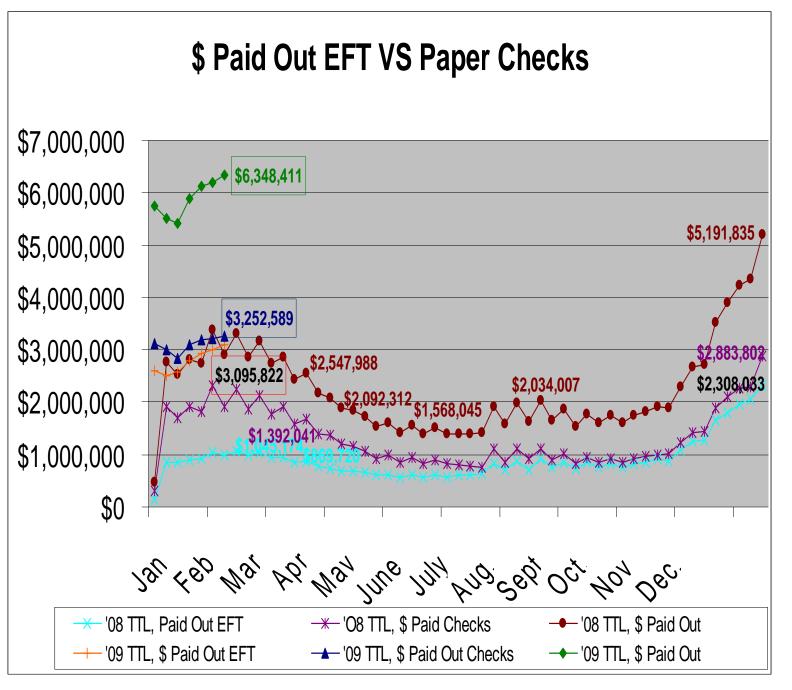
Total of Initial, Additional, Reopen (since 01/01/2009)











For the Week Ending 02/21/2009 \$ EFT % of Total 46.38%

Year to Date Information: EFT as a % of Total is 48.77% and Currently Paid out Via EFT for 2009 \$19,505,179